

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed October 1, 2008. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-20 were pending in this Application. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-11, and 13-18 were rejected and Claims 3, 7, 8, 12, 19, and 20 were objected to. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8-13, 17, and 20 have been amended to further define various features of Applicant's invention. Claims 1, 4, 15, and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 3, 7, 8, 12, 15, 19, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant amended allowable Claim 3 to include the limitations of former claim 1. Applicant amended allowable Claim 7 to include the limitations of former claims 1 and 5. Applicant amended allowable Claim 8 to include the limitations of former claim 1. Claim 9 has been amended in accordance with amended allowable claim 3 and therefore is also believed to be allowable.

Furthermore, Applicant amended allowable Claim 12 to include the limitations of former claims 1 and 5. Independent claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 15. Applicant amended allowable Claim 19 to include the limitations of former claims 13 and 17 and amended claim 20 includes the limitations of former independent claim 13.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the remarks set forth above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all pending Claims.

Applicant believes there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2545.

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